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In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the documents listed hereinbelow, copies enclosed.

- (1) Page 23 and Page 249 Table 2 from "Copper and Copper Alloys" 2001, ASM INTERNATIONAL, MATERIALS PARK, OHIO USA XP002264346. A copy is attached hereto.
- (2) Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 2001294956 entitled FREE CUTTING BRASS EXCELLENT IN DEZINCIFICATION..., By Yoshihiro Yoshikawa et al., published October 26, 2001. A copy is attached hereto.

- (3) Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 07097152 entitled DATA TRANSMITTING SYSTEM FOR ELEVATOR, By Kenji Takahashi, published April 11, 1995. A copy is attached hereto.
- (4) Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 58185738 entitled BRASS, By Kiyomi Tamai, published October 29, 1983. A copy is attached hereto.
- (5) European Patent No. 1 008 664 entitled COPPER-BASED ALLOY EXCELLENT IN CORROSION RESISTANCE, HOT..., By Mizoguchi et al., published June 14, 2000. This patent is attached hereto.
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,445,687 entitled HOT WORKING MATERIAL OF CORROSION RESISTANT COPPER-BASED ALLOY, By Sukegawa et al., patented August 29, 1995. This patent is attached hereto.
- (7) European Patent No. 0 663 452 entitled COPPER-BASED ALLOY, By Sakai et al., published July 19, 1995. This patent is attached hereto.

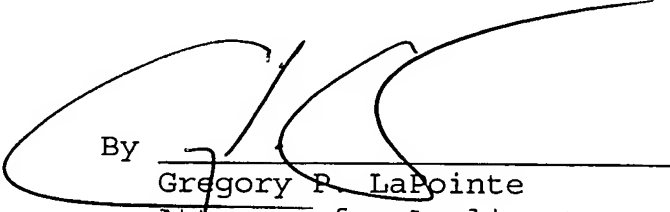
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 4,294,629 entitled DRAWN RODS MADE OF LEAD BRASS AND..., By Szyszkowski et al., patented October 13, 1981. This patent is attached hereto.
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 6,599,378 entitled COPPER-BASED ALLOY, METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF THE..., By Hagiwara et al., patented July 29, 2003. This patent is attached hereto.

The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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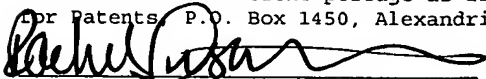
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